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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL:

2. ZAMBIAN IMPORTS - CLEARING AGENT TOLD EMBOFF JULY 14 THAT ZAMBIAN CARGO HAS BEEN ARRIVING DAR ES SALAAM OVER PAST FEW MONTHS AT RATE OF 20-30,000 TONS PER MONTH. TOTAL OF 26,000 TONS CARGO WAS SHIPPED OVERLAND IN JUNE TO ZAMBIA AND IT WAS NOTED BY SAME SOURCE THAT JUNE WAS EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD MONTH. NORMAL MONTHLY RATE IS ABOUT 24,000 TONS. FYI COMMENT: OUR GENERAL IMPRESSION HERE IS THAT PORT OF DAR ES SALAAM HAS VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM ABSORBING ZAMBIAN CARGO IF INFLOW EXCEEDS 30,000 TONS PER MONTH.

3. COPPER EXPORTS- SHIPPING SOURCE INFORMS US THAT ZAMBIA CURRENTLY EXPORTING 25,000 TONS OF COPPER PER MONTH THROUGH DAR ES SALAAM PORT. SAME SOURCE ANTICIPATES INCREASE IN COPPER EXPORTS IN VIEW OF CONGESTION AND CIVIL DISTURBANCES AROUND
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4. TAZARA TRAFFIC: ZAMBIA CURRENTLY RAILING 3,000 TONS MONTHLY OVER TAZARA AS FAR AS MKIPA. FORWARDING AGENT NOTES THERE NO INDICATION AS YET AS TO WHEN BUILDUP OF TONNAGE OVER TAZARA WILL OCCUR. ONLY ITEM THEY HAVE HEARD (AS REPORTED IN REFAIR) IS THAT INCREASE IN TONNAGE IS SUPPOSED TO BEGIN TO FLOW ALONG TAZARA BEGINNING OCTOBER 1. HOWEVER, HE COMMENTED, CHINESE HAVE NOT BEEN VERY LUCID IN EXPLAINING OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR OCTOBER START-UP AND TANZANIAN AND ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS NO BETTER INFORMED. HE ASSUMES SHORTAGE LOCOMOTIVES AND ROLLING STOCK WILL IMPOE CON-STRAINT ON CARRYING CAPACITY OF TAZARA. FORWARDING AGENT ALSO EX-PLAINED CONCERN THAT NO FORWARDING AGENT HAS RECEIVED TAZARA RATE SCALES OR CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH CARGO TO BE ACCEPTED ON TAZARA SYSTEM. HE ANTICIPATES IT WILL BE "MAD SCRAMBLE" TO HAVE SYSTEM OPERATIONAL THROUGH TO LUSAKA BY OCTOBER 1. AGENT CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT HE HAS BEEN INFORMED UNOFFICIALLY THAT FIRST YEAR OF TAZARA OPERATIONS WILL BE BREAKING-IN PERIOD AND THAT THERE WILL BE GRADUAL INCREASE OF SHIPMENTS UNTIL FULL CAPACITY REACHED APPROXIMATELY OCTOVER 1, 1976.
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